

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Groups and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani, Lucille Schacht, and Bill Bagdon

DATE: October 8, 1998

RE: Location of Children's Residential Services

The philosophy of care in children's mental health strongly favors serving children and adolescents in their home communities, whenever possible. The attached graphs and tables provide information on current practice patterns in Vermont with regard to the location of the placement of children and adolescents who are receiving residential care. The first graph presents information on the rate at which children and adolescents from each of Vermont's service areas receive residential care in the mental health service delivery system, and the location of those services in relation to the child's home for 1997 and 1998. The second graph presents information on the rate at which children and adolescents in SRS custody from each of the state's regions were placed in their own homes, their home district, and outside of their home district at points in time during 1997 and 1998. Information on mental health residential care was derived from Quarterly Service Reports provided by community mental health providers. Information on location of placement of children and adolescents in SRS custody are from monthly reports distributed jointly by DDMHS and SRS. Some individuals may be included in both the mental health and the SRS counts.

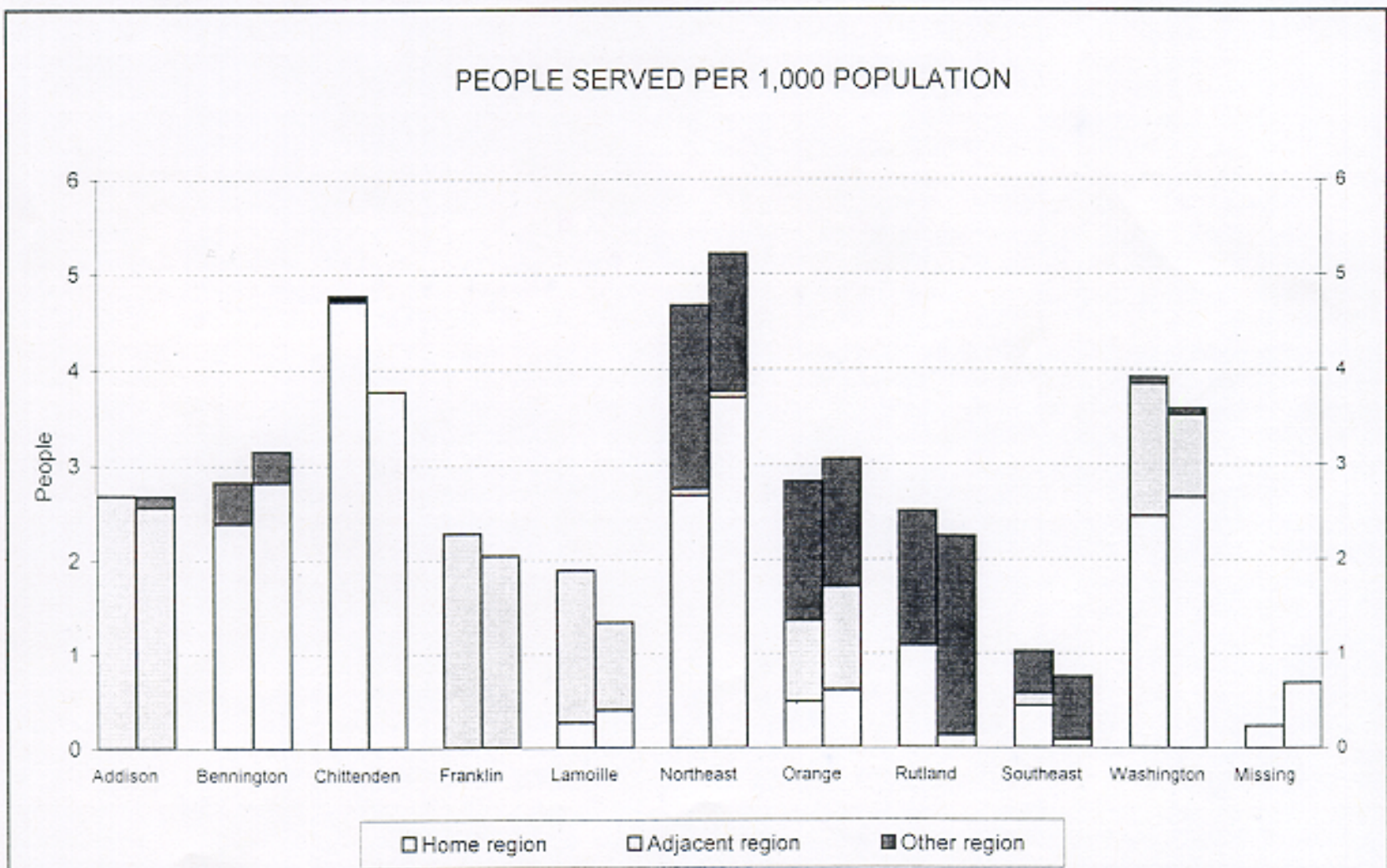
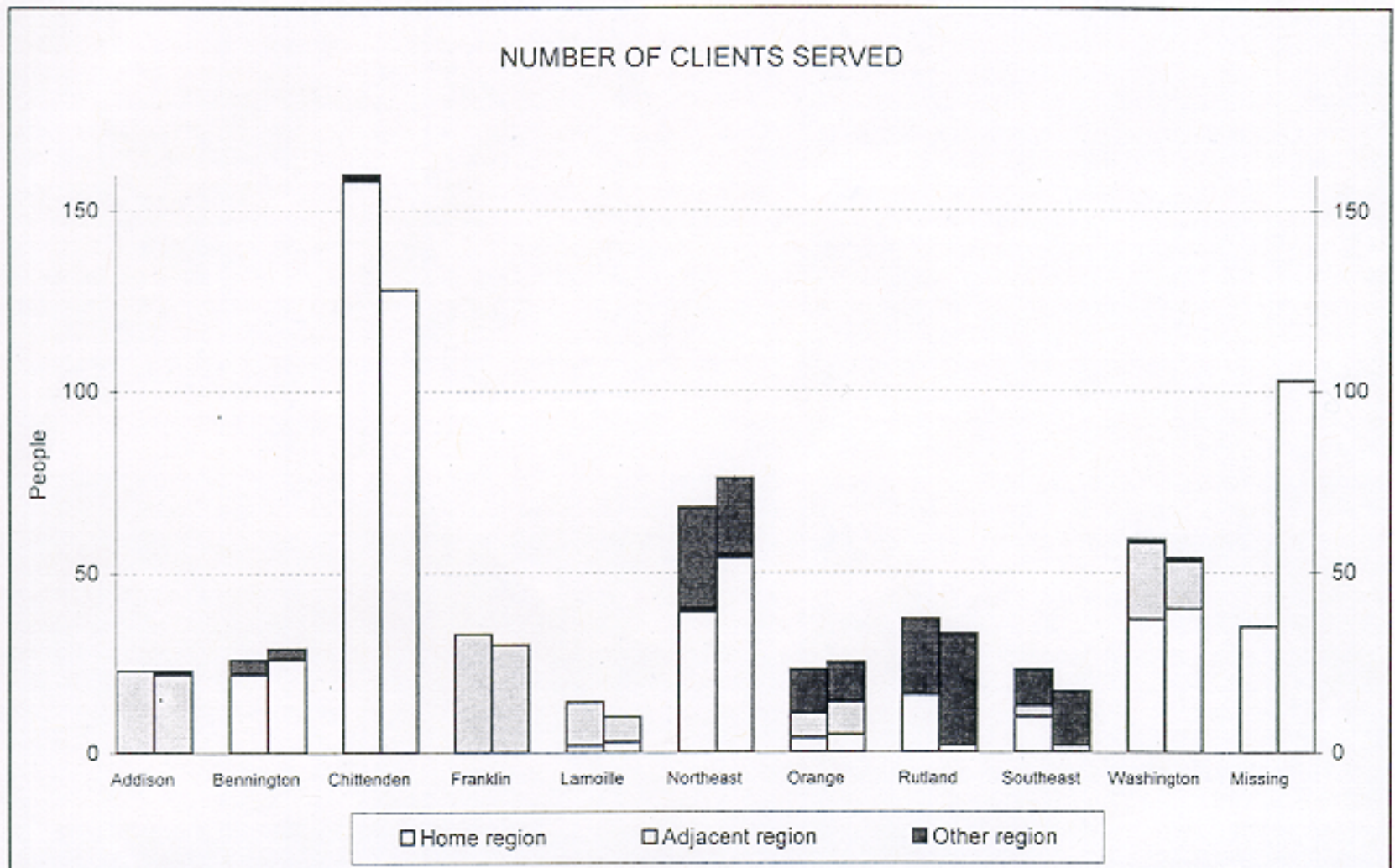
As you will see, approximately 3.5 per 1,000 children and adolescents in Vermont received residential services provided by a community mental health program during each of the two years under examination. The rate at which residents of different service areas received these services varied substantially, but the rates for the two years in individual service areas were very similar. Northeastern Vermont, Chittenden County, and Washington County had the highest rate of mental health residential placement; Southeastern Vermont had the lowest rate of mental health residential placement according to these data.

Approximately 7.5 per 1,000 children and adolescent in Vermont were in SRS placement away from their families during each of the report periods. The Springfield SRS district in Southeastern Vermont had the highest residential placement rate during both periods (11.2 and 10.7 per 1,000). The Morrisville district had the lowest placement rate during both periods (4.9 and 4.1 per 1,000).

We will be particularly interested in your assessment of the accuracy of these data, and the clarity of the presentation. We are also interested in your evaluation of the utility of these data as measures of practice patterns in children's services and in your interpretation of the results. Please e-mail your comments to [pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us), or give one of us a call (802-241-2638 for John, or 241-2659 for Lucille, or 241-2682 for Bill).



**People Served by Children's Mental Health Residential Programs  
by Region of Residence and Location of Provider  
People Served Per 1,000 Population, By Region, FY1997 - FY1998**



Per capita figures are based on the number of clients reported in Quarterly Service Reports (QSR) submitted by Vermont's community service providers, and population figures published by the Vermont Department of Health. Population figures include residents of service areas, regardless of service provider and counts of people served. The population figures are projections for 1997 and 1998. Region of residency, which is equivalent to CMHC catchment area, is based on client zipcode. Residential services include emergency placement, group home, individualized placement, residential treatment, and therapeutic foster care.



# People Served by Children's Mental Health Residential Programs By Service Provider and Region of Residence, FY 1997

Provider	Region of Residence										Statewide	
	Addison	Bennington	Chittenden	Franklin	Lamoille	Northeast	Orange	Rutland	Southeast	Washington	Total	Missing
CSAC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UCS	-	22	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	23	1
HMHS	2	1	50	11	1	14	4	14	5	4	106	3
NFI	21	1	108	22	11	13	7	6	4	14	207	17
FGI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LCMHS	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	5
NEK	-	-	-	-	-	39	1	-	-	-	40	-
OCMHS	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	8	2
RMHS	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	16	3	1	21	6
MHSSEV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-
WCMHS	-	2	1	-	-	-	6	1	1	37	48	1
Total	23	26	160	33	14	68	23	37	23	59	466	35
Total Population	8,562	14,476	33,524	7,414	22,475	14,554	8,141	14,733	9,190	15,069	148,137	148,137
<u>People Per 1,000 Population</u>												
Total	2.69	1.80	4.77	4.45	0.62	4.67	2.83	2.51	2.50	3.92	3.15	0.24
Home Region	0.0	2.4	4.7	0.0	0.3	2.7	0.5	1.1	0.4	2.5	1.9	0.2
Adjacent Region	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.6	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.7	0.0
Other Region	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.5	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0

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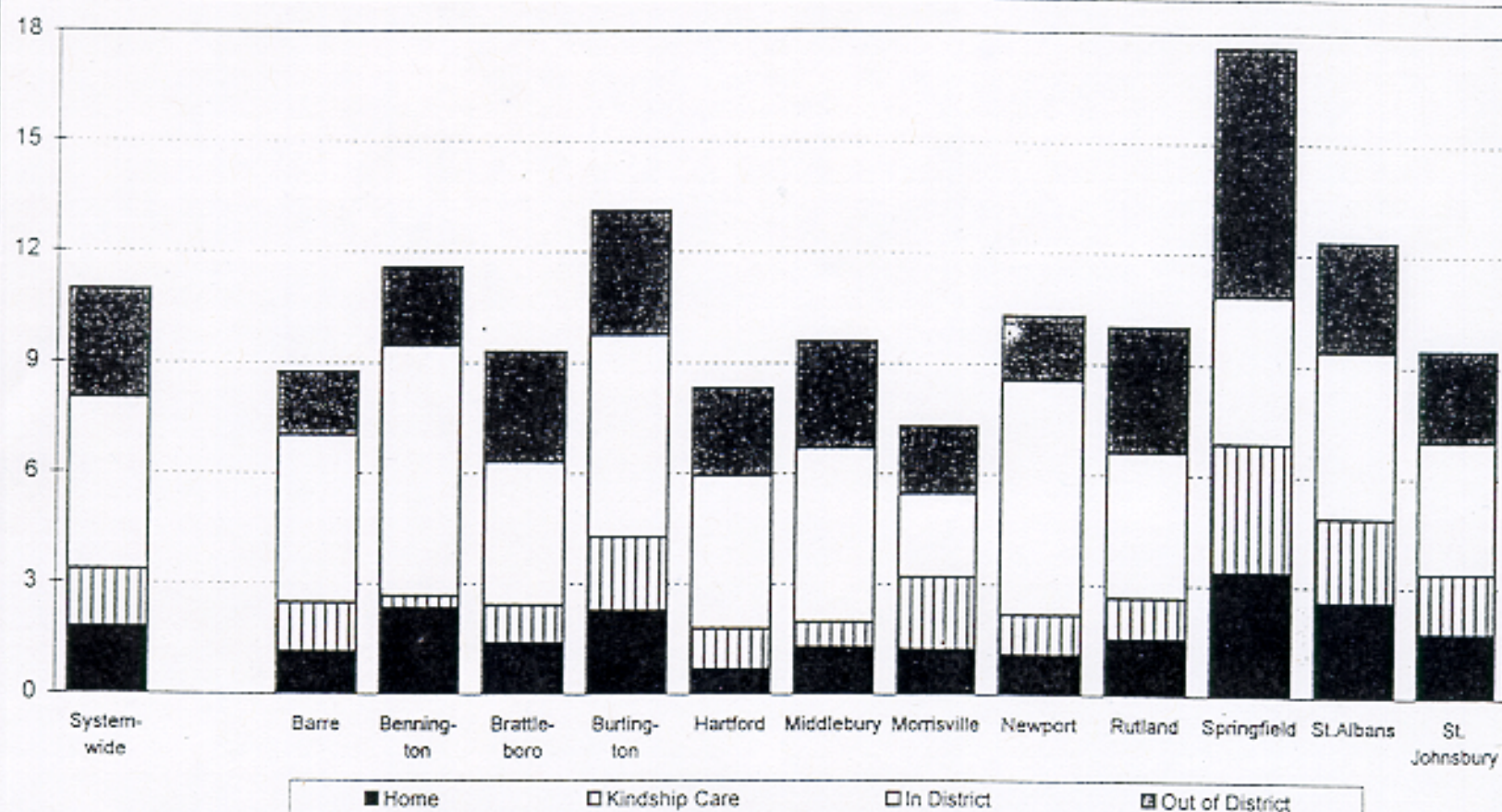
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LCMHS	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	5	3	
NEK	1	-	-	-	-	54	1	-	-	-	56	1	
OCMHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	6	-	
RMHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	4	-	
MHSSEV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WCMHS	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	2	1	40	52	1	
Total	23	29	128	30	10	76	25	33	17	54	425	103	
Total Population	8,581	9,215	33,906	14,665	7,485	14,585	8,173	14,688	22,502	15,040	148,840	148,840	
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Total	2.68	3.15	3.78	2.05	1.34	5.21	3.06	2.25	0.76	3.59	2.86	0.69	
Home Region	0.0	2.8	3.8	0.0	0.4	3.7	0.6	0.1	0.0	2.7	1.7	0.7	
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**Children in SRS Custody per 1,000 Children's Population  
Location of Placement by District Office  
as of September 1, 1998**

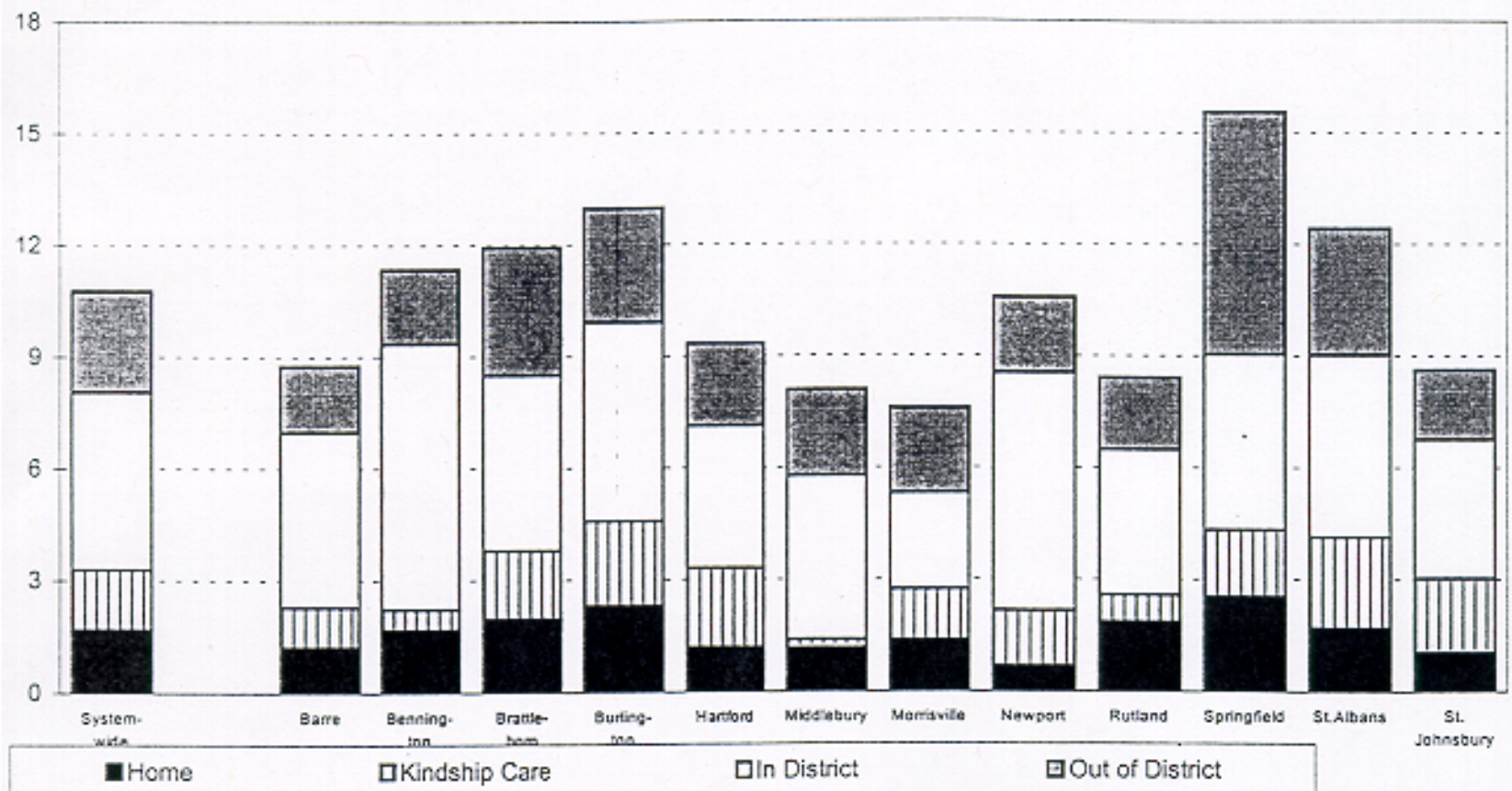


District	Population	Home	Kindship Care	In District	Out of District	Total
Systemwide	145,582	1.79	1.57	4.68	2.93	10.96
Barre	15,763	1.14	1.33	4.57	1.71	8.75
Bennington	8,985	2.34	0.33	6.79	2.11	11.57
Brattleboro	8,707	1.38	1.03	3.90	2.99	9.30
Burlington	32,264	2.26	2.01	5.49	3.35	13.11
Hartford	11,779	0.68	1.10	4.16	2.38	8.32
Middlebury	8,652	1.27	0.69	4.74	2.89	9.59
Morrisville	6,579	1.22	1.98	2.28	1.82	7.30
Newport	7,370	1.09	1.09	6.38	1.76	10.31
Rutland	15,098	1.52	1.13	3.97	3.38	10.00
Springfield	8,292	3.38	3.50	3.98	6.75	17.61
St. Albans	13,517	2.59	2.29	4.51	2.96	12.35
St. Johnsbury	8,576	1.75	1.63	3.61	2.45	9.44

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